attention than the Postal communications;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the allocations between the two sectors in communications Ministry during the last three years; and

(d) what are the details with regard to the demand and response in respect of opening of post offices in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The needs of Posts and Telecommunications being different it may not be appropriate to compare the physical and financial resources allocated to them. Recognising the need for separate development of these two sectors, Government had established two separate Departments for Posts and Telecommunications by bifurcating the erstwhile combined P & T Department in January, 1985. Posts are basically labour intensive. Telecommunications are, however, largely technology oriented and require a large measure of capital investment for its development. The allocation of resources is determined by the Planning Commission and the Government taking into account the different needs of the Posts and Telecommunicatons. The Plan allocations during the last three years are as follows:

	Posts	Telecommunications
1986-87	Rs. 40 crores	Rs. 837.01 crores
1987-88	Rs. 40 crores	Rs. 1116.37 crores
1988-89	Rs. 50 crores	Rs. 1800.00 crores

A target of 6,000 new post offices has been provided for in the Seventh Plan. By and large, requests for opening of post offices which after examination has been found to satisfy the prescribed norms have been accommodated within this target. As against this target, during the period 1985-86 to 1988-89 (up to 20.3.89), 1938 new post offices have been santioned.

System to check misuse of STD and ISD Facility

2915. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has introduced a cqol proof system in all its digital electronic exchanges to stop the misuse of STD and ISD facility on the subscribers Phones;

(b) if so, what are the details of the said system;

(c) whether the system will be introduced in other type of exchanges also; and

(d) if so, by when and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An STD/ISD call control facility has been introduced in some digital electronic exchanges (E-10B) on an experimental basis. Under the system, STD/ISD calls facility can be activated/deactivated by subscriber himself by dialling a code chosen and known to him only.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. This is possible only in E-10B exchanges at present.

Profits earned by ONGC on supply of gas

2916. SHRI K. V. THANKGABALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil & Natural Gas Commission has earned profit from

the first stage of the Krishna-Godavari project by the supply of natural gas to industries and more profits are likely to be made in future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the industries to which natural gas has so far been supplied; and

(d) the main terms of the agreement entered by the ONGC with these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) No profits are at present being made from K.G. Basin; profits can be made only when oil/gas production and sale increase in future from this basin.

(c) ONGC have finalised the arrangements with the following industries for supply of gas:

	Name of the party	Firm commitment (Fig. in SCMD
1.	Delta Paper Mills, Bhimavaram	28,000
2.	A. P. Bagasse, Pulakol	9,000
3.	Andhra Sugars, Tanak	16,000
4.	Gowthami Solvents, Tanak	5,000
5.	Coastal Agro Ind., Tanaku	5,000
6.	Coastal Chemicals, Gowripatnam	30,000
7.	Jaypore Sugars Chagallu	40,000
8.	A. P. Sugars, Kavvur	6,000
9.	Southern Pesticides, Kovvur	6,000

A commitment of 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been made for APSED's proposed gas basesd power project. A commitment in principle has also been made or Nagarjuna Fertiliser Ltd.'s fertilizer plant proposed at Kakinada.

(d) The gas supply contracts are for a period of three years. These parties have been given a concessional price of Rs. 900/1000 M plus taxes upto 31st March 1989. There are also the usual clauses of contract on arbitration, measurement, shut down, *force majeure*, minimum guarantee of take etc.

Upgradation and sophistication of technology in the Small Scale Sector

2917. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need for upgradation and sophistication of technology in the Small Scale Sector; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Technology upgradation is a continuing process.

(b) Government has taken up number of measures to upgrade the level of technology of small scale units. As an effective instrument for transfer of technology to small scale units, the following facilities have already been created.

(i) Process-cum-Product Development centres for glass and ceramics,